	State	Location	Implementing Agency	Project Cost (in lakhs)
1.	Rajasthan	Sangaria (Jodhpur)	RIICO	514.00
2.	Haryana	Khairpur (Sirsa)	HSIDC	376.00
3.	Gujarat	Miyani (Junagadh)	GGCDC	500.00
4.	Maharashtra	Yavathmal (Pusad)	MIDC	518.00
5.	J&K	Batal (Udhampur)	JKSSIDC	500.00
6.	Kerala	Kazhakuttom (Trivandrum)	KINFRA	502.00
7.	Karnataka	Kanbargi (Belgaum)	KIADB	569.00
8.	Tamil Nadu	Urangampatti (Madurai)	TANSIDCO	444.00
9.	Andhra Pradesh	Udamalpuram (Kurnoonl)	APIIC	246.51
10.	Punjab	Tanda (Hoshiarpur)	PSIDC	280.00
11.	Uttar Pradesh	Kasna (Bulandhshahr)	GNIDA	638.00
12.	Daman & Diu (UT)	Ringanwada	OIDC	537.00
13.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli (UT)	Velugam	OIDC	537.00

Government of India grant alongwith the corresponding SIDBI loan have been released to 8 Projects depending upon the progress of implementation. Documents relating to loan etc. are under execution in respect of 5 Projects. The Projects are under various stages of implementation.

A Project proposal from the Government of Manipur is under examination by the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI). Assam and other State Governments of North Eastern Region have requested that grant-loan norms under this scheme should be made more favourable as it is difficult to have bankable projects within the existing norms. The suggestion of North Eastern States is being examined.

Militants' Threat to Stop Amar Nath Yatra

1731. SHRI JAGMOHAN:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Harkt-Ul-Ansar and other militant organisations in Kashmir have threatened to stop this year's Amar Nath Yatra;

(b) whether a similar attitude was adopted last ycar by these organisations and civil staff of Kashmir Division had also refused to cooperate in making arrangements for the Yatra and the Army

had to practically take over the entire responsibility for the yatra; and

(c) what measures are being taken to ensure that last year's events are not repeated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) The Harkat-ul-Ansar (HuA), a Pak based, predominantly mercenary outfit had issued threats against the Amarnath Yatra, which were supported by certain other militant organisations like the Al Fateh Force.

(b) The HuA had issued similar threats against the Yatra last year. The HuA had threatened the employees and private persons/groups, who traditionally provide services and are involved in the Yatra arrangements, against cooperating with the administration. To meet the situation arising from these threats, the State Government had made elaborate administrative and security arrangements for the Yatra and the related logistics, by pooling the resources and manpower from within the State, with the assistance of the Army and the Central Security Forces deployed there. As a result the Yatra had passed off smoothly and over 40,000 persons participated in it.

(c) In the current year also, the State Administration made elaborate security, administrative and logistics arrangements for the smooth conduct of the Yatra which has passed off largely peacefully, but for a few minor incidents of blasts/ explosions which, were not allowed to affect the smooth conduct of the Yatra Over 60,000 persons are reported to have participated in the Yatra in the current year.

Economy measures in Defence expenditure

1732. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what economy measures have been taken in Defence expenditure;

(b) whether this has adversely affected our defence preparedness; and

(c) what steps are being taken to keep our defence in the best State at the least cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Various measures have been initiated to achieve optimum utilisation of limited resources. These measures are designed to effect economy without undermining our full preparedness. These measures *inter-alia* include redeployment of existing manpower to effect economy, introduction of cost efficient training methods, rationalisation and reduction of equipment holdings, streamlining and improvement of inventory management and introduction of fuel economy.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The operational requirements of the Armed Forces are kept under constant review to ensure adequate levels of Defence preparedness. Measures to effect economy are not allowed to impinge on the operational preparedness of the Armed Forces.

बिहार में कुष्ठ रोगी

1733. **श्री नरेश यादव:** क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश में कुष्ठ रोगियों की संख्या कितनी है;

(ख) इसका कितना प्रतिशत बिहार में है; और

(ग) कुष्ठ निवारण हेतु सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है?